

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND SEPA MITIGATED THRESHOLD DETERMINATION (MDNS)

File Name:

Totemwood Townhomes

File Number:

PLN #948

Applicant:

Northwest Civil Engineers

Location:

18601 35th Avenue NE

Parcel No.:

31052100201000

Date of Application:

May 2, 2022

Date of Completeness:

May 12, 2022

Date Notice of Application:

May 16, 2022

Date SEPA Checklist Prepared:

April 20, 2022

Date of Threshold Determination: May 16, 2022

Lead Agency:

City of Arlington Community and Economic Development Department

Lead Agency Contact:

Amy Rusko, arusko@arlingtonwa.gov, 360-403-3550

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is proposing a 6-lot preliminary minor plat to divide the subject parcel into six separate lots. The proposal is for townhouse style duplexes to be constructed on each lot for a total of 12 units. Each unit has its own attached garage for 2 parking spaces. Access to the site includes a one way 20-foot paved looped road. The project removes significant trees from the site and a combination of retention, replanting and mitigation are proposed. The well and septic on the site will be removed and city water and sewer will be extended into the site. The site grading includes 163 cubic yards of cut and 458 cubic yards of fill.

APPROVALS REQUIRED: City of Arlington: Preliminary Minor Plat, Final Minor Plat, SEPA Review, Site Civil Permit, Utility Permit, Complete Streets, Demolition Permit, and Building Permit. Department of Ecology: Stormwater General Permit.

Notice of Application Public Comment Period: Any person may comment on this application by writing to the mailing or email address below. Comments on this application must be received by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: The City has determined that with the mitigation measures identified herein, this proposal would not have a probable and unavoidable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. However, we have identified impacts by the proposed project that requires mitigation. In addition to the requirement that the development must comply with all City of Arlington zoning and development regulations, the following conditions of approval of the permit decision apply:

(B)(1) Earth: In order to mitigate for potential earth impacts, the Applicant shall implement Best Management Practices per Department of Ecology for Stormwater Pollution Prevention and TESC Controls to prevent erosion during and after construction.

- **(B)(2) Air:** In order to mitigate for potential air impacts, the Applicant shall implement dust control measures to reduce fugitive dust emissions during construction. A Construction Management Plan shall be submitted to the City prior to commencement of construction to ensure these measures. Construction equipment emissions shall comply with all State and Federal regulations for emissions.
- **(B)(3)(b) Ground Water:** In order to mitigate for potential impacts to ground water the Applicant shall employ best design practices meeting the current Department of Ecology's Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington.
- **(B)(3)(c)** Water Runoff: In order to mitigate for potential impacts to water runoff the Applicant shall follow the current edition of the Department of Ecology's Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington and Best Management Practices used to protect groundwater.
- **(B)(4)(b) Plants:** In order to mitigate for the removal of significant trees on the property the applicant shall replant trees on the site and pay an in-lieu tree mitigation fee for the remaining trees. Replacement of significant trees are calculated at a 3:1 ratio.
- **(B)(7)(A) Environmental Health:** Applicant shall comply with current codes to reduce or control environmental health hazards. A spill prevention plan shall be in place according to local, State and Federal policies.
- **(B)(7)(b) Noise:** City of Arlington noise standards found in AMC 9.20.060 shall be complied with. Specifically, in section 9.20.060(8) noises resulting from any construction or development activity or the operation of heavy equipment from 7:00pm to 7:00am Monday through Saturday shall be prohibited. The project will generate short term noise associated with construction activities. Construction hours will conform to City requirements. Noise from light vehicle traffic will be generated during business hours at project completion.
- **(B)(8)(L) Land and Shoreline Use:** The applicant shall record an Arlington Airport Avigation Easement on the face of the final plat per requirements of Airport Protection District B and C.
- **(B)(10) Aesthetics:** The proposal is required to meet the City of Arlington Development Design Standards of AMC 20.46, through administrative review at the time of building permit submittal.
- **(B)(11)(a) Light and Glare:** To mitigate for potential light pollution, the Applicant will be required to install light fixtures that are down shielded. The property is located within the Arlington Airport Protection District Subdistrict B and C that is comprised of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) parts 77 Imaginary surfaces.
- **(B)(12)(c) Recreation:** To mitigate the impacts on recreation, the applicant shall pay Community Park Impact Fees in the amount of \$1,662.00 and Neighborhood Park Impact Fees in the amount of \$484.00 per dwelling unit.
- **(B)(13) Historic and Cultural Preservation:** If historical, cultural, or archaeological sites or artifacts are discovered in the process of development, work on that portion of the site shall be stopped immediately, the site secured, and the find reported as soon as possible to the planning director. The property owner also shall notify the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and affected tribes. The applicant shall notify the Stillaguamish Tribe and submit an Unanticipated Discovery Plan prior to ground disturbance.
- **(B)(14)(d) Transportation:** The proposal is required to construct frontage improvements and dedicate right-of-way along 35th Avenue NE.
- **(B)(14)(f) Transportation:** Trip generation has been calculated at one PM Peak Hour Trip per unit on the site. The Applicant is required to pay Traffic Mitigation fees to the City of Arlington in the amount of \$3,355.00 per unit, a duplex is considered two units. City traffic mitigation fees shall be paid prior to building permit issuance.

(B)(15) Public Services: The applicant shall pay Lakewood School District Mitigation Fees in the amount of \$3,566.00 for each unit. The applicant shall provide proof of payment prior to building permit issuance.

(B)(16)(a) Utilities: The applicant shall connect to the City of Arlington water and wastewater systems, extend utility lines as necessary and pay water/sewer connection fees. The well and septic shall be removed from the site. All improvements shall be installed during the Site Civil Construction phase of the project. Connection fees shall be paid at the time of building permit issuance. All utilities shall be installed underground.

DISCLAIMER: The determination that an environmental impact statement does not have to be filed does not mean there will be no adverse environmental impacts. The City of Arlington codes governing noise control, land use performance standards, construction, and improvements of roads, off site road improvement obligations, drainage control, traffic, school, park, stormwater, and utility mitigations, fire protection; and building practices will provide substantial mitigation of the aforementioned impacts.

The issuance of this MDNS should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of this proposal as presented. The City of Arlington reserves the right to deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interest of the city and/or necessary for the general health, safety, and welfare of the public to do so.

Public SEPA Threshold Determination Comment Period: There is a 14-day comment period for this MDNS. If you would like to comment on this Threshold Determination, <u>written comments</u> must be received by **5:00 PM on Tuesday. May 31, 2022.** The Responsible Official may incorporate any substantial comments into the MDNS. If the MDNS is substantially modified, it will be reissued for further public review.

SEPA Responsible Official: Marc Hayes, Director of Community and Economic Development

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SIGNATURE OF SEPA RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL

TO APPEAL A DECISION: An agency or person may appeal the City's procedural compliance with WAC Chapter 197-11 (SEPA) for issuance of this MDNS. The MDNS is appealable to the Hearing Examiner. An appeal shall be considered filed when a written notice of appeal, specifying the grounds and arguments, therefore, is delivered to the Department of Community and Economic Development by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, and the appeal fee as set by resolution is paid.